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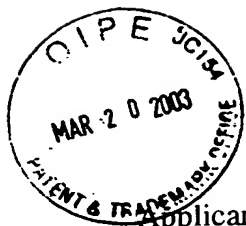
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), the items of information listed on the enclosed Form SB08 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form SB08.

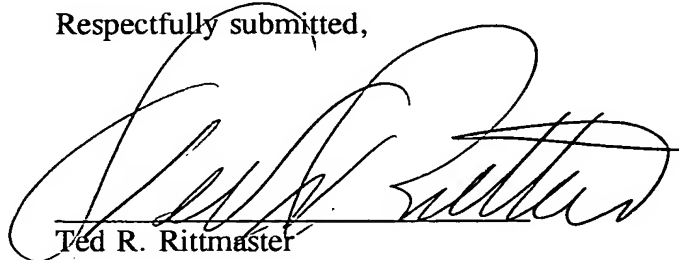
In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form SB08 is provided.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form SB08, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,



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